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SUBJ: BOMB TREATS DIRECTED AT CHECKPOINT CHARLIE

1. ONCE ON JANUARY 10 AND TWICE ON JANUARY 11
BERLIN POLICE RECEIVED BOMB THREATS FROM GERMAN SPEAKING
INDIVIDUALS DIRECTED AT CHECKPOINT CHARLIE, LOCATED IN
US SECTOR. TWO OF CALLERS (A WOMAN AND MAN) HAVE
BEEN TRACED TO PUBLIC TELEPHONE BOOTH LOCATED ON KOCHSTRASSE
IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF CC AND THIRD CAME FROM FEW
BLOCKS AWAY.

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2. ALTHOUGH BERLIN POLICE CONSIDER THREATS TO BE HARASSMENT OR WORK OF PRANKSTERS, US AUTHORITIES HAVE TAKEN THEM SERIOUSLY AND TOGETHER WITH POLICE EOD TEAM, US BOMB DISPOSAL PERSONNEL AND MP'S HAVE UNDERTAKEN A THOROUGH SEARCH OF THE AREA, IN EACH INSTANCE WITH NEGATIVE FINDINGS. INITIAL THREAT EVENING OF JAN 10 RESULTED IN 15 MINUTE PARTIAL CLOSURE

OF STREET LEADING TO CROSSING POINT.
TRAFFICE EXITING EAST BERLIN NOT DELAYED,
HOWEVER. TRAVELLERS IN FRG AND WEST BERLIN VEHICLES AND GDR
ACCREDITED DIPLOMATS ROUTED TO EAST BERLIN VIA NEARBY HEINRICH
HEINE SECTOR-SECTOR CROSSING POINT. ALLIED TRAFFICE
OBIGED TO WAIT.

3. FIRST THREAT AND RESULTANT TRAFFIC DELAYS REPORTED BY BERLIN PRESS, INCLUDING DER ABEND WHICH GAVE INCIDENT FRONT PAGE HEADLINE. PRESS TREATMENT COULD HAVE INSPIRED TWO SUBSEQUENT THREATS.

4. COMMENT: IF THE SOVIETS SHOULD MENTION THIS MOMENTARY DELAY(S) TO US, WE WOULD REMARK THAT THE RUSSIANS SHOULD BE PLEASED WE TAKE SERIOUSLY

THE SECURITY RESPONSIBILITIES FOR OUR SECTOR.

5. USCOB CONCURS.DAVIS

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